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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OTRA, PFOR, CH

SUBJECT: TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

REFS: A. PEKING 0881; B. STATE 164929

1. APPRECIATE YOUR CLARIFICATION (REF. A) THAT ALL TRAVEL OUTSIDE 20 KILOMETER RADIUS PEKING (EXCEPT TO GREAT WALL, MING TOMBS AND AS SPECIFIED PARA 3 REF. A) REQUIRES PERMISSION FROM MFA.

2. WE ARE STILL NOT/NOT CLEAR HOW THIS IS SET UP IN FORMAL TERMS, HOWEVER. LATEST OF THE MFA NOTICES YOU POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT WHICH REFERRED TO THIS PROCEDURE WAS NO. 66 (467) DATED JULY 19, 1966. IN THAT NOTICE THE "NOTIFICATION" PROCEDURE WAS LEFT INTACT, ALTHOUGH ANY MEANINGFUL DISTINCTION FROM "PERMISSION" SYSTEM SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED. (WE ALSO NOTE THAT THE FORM FOR SUBMISSION TO THE MFA REFERS BOTH TO "NOTIFICATION" AND "REQUEST FOR PERMISSION".)

3. IF SUCH A DIFFERENCE STILL EXISTS ON PAPER, EVEN IF
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THERE IS NO DISTINCTION IN REALITY, WE WOULD WANT TO CON-

SIDER A PARALLEL FORMAL "NOTIFICATION" PROCEDURE WHICH WOULD ALSO REQUIRE DEPARTMENT REVIEW FOR THE "SAFETY AND CONVENIENCE" OF THE PRC TRAVELERS (TO BORROW THE MFA LANGUAGE).

4. PLEASE INFORM DEPARTMENT WHETHER THE NOTICES AND FORMS YOU POUCHED TO US CONSTITUTE THE LATEST WORD ON TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS OR IF THERE HAS BEEN A LATER MFA NOTICE ON THIS SUBJECT. ROGERS

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